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STATE OF WISCONSIN
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
CLASS 1 CONTESTED CASE PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE RESTRUCTURING OF
EMPLOYERS INSURANCE OF WAUSAU, A MUTUAL COMPANY,
BY EMPLOYERS INSURANCE OF WAUSAU, A MUTUAL COMPANY,
AND LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2001
Time: 2:00 o'clock p.m.

Reported by LINDA KUHLMAN

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APPEARANCES (Continued)

ALSO PRESENT: GEORGE K. BERNSTEIN
CLIFFORD W. SMITH, JR.
DAVID B. MAY
JAMES J. McINTYRE
WALTER J. BLAEDEL

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THE HEARING EXAMINER: I call this informational hearing today to order at 2 p.m., October 16, 2001. I'm Matthew C. Mandt, the director of the Bureau of Financial Analysis and Examinations, presiding as hearing examiner over Case No. 00-C26776, concerning the restructuring of Employers Insurance of Wausau, a mutual company, under a mutual holding company plan.

This hearing is being held at the Founders Room in the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace, Madison, Wisconsin at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 pursuant to Chapter 227, Sections 601.62 and 644.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

This hearing is being held to receive informational public comments, both oral and written, concerning the restructuring of Employers Insurance of Wausau, a mutual company, under a mutual holding company plan. The proceedings are being transcribed by Professional Reporters, Ltd.

1 At this hearing anyone from the public may
2 testify or file a written comment. Witnesses who
3 testify are asked to keep to a time limit of no
4 more than five minutes unless otherwise permitted
5 and are encouraged to file additional written
6 comments if they wish to do so.

7 Immediately preceding this public hearing a
8 class one contested case hearing was concluded
9 regarding the restructuring of Employers Insurance
10 of Wausau, a mutual company, under a mutual holding
11 company plan. The transcript of this hearing, any
12 written testimony introduced and any comments
13 received by the Office of the Commissioner of
14 Insurance on or before 5 p.m. on October 26, 2001
15 will become part of the record for the
16 restructuring of Employers Insurance of Wausau, a
17 mutual company, under a mutual holding company
18 plan.

19 No oath will be administered to anyone who
20 testifies. At this time Walter Blaedel has asked
21 to provide some testimony. So would you like to go
22 ahead.

23 MR. BLAEDDEL: Yes, please. We name
24 is Walter J. Blaedel. My address and phone number
25 are One Kessel Court, Apartment 5, in Madison,

1 Wisconsin, 53711. My phone number is 608-276-9775.
2 I've been a resident, property owner and renter in
3 the City of Madison since 1947.

4 I was a member of the UW-Madison Chemistry
5 Department, specializing in analytical chemistry
6 until my retirement in 1981. More details are
7 given in the Document 2741 that I would like to
8 submit as an exhibit. I have a number of copies of
9 these, and I would like to distribute them to
10 members of the audience. May I go on?

11 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, go
12 ahead.

13 MR. BLAEDEL: I'm objecting to these
14 proceedings, and I intend to make my objections in
15 my own person and without attorney and without
16 acting as an attorney, according to my rights under
17 Article 1, Sections 7, 9 and 21 of the Wisconsin
18 Constitution. I refuse to hire an attorney, and I
19 will not accept assignment of an attorney.

20 In case those of you who have forgotten
21 constitutional rights, I would like to submit a
22 copy of the constitution as another exhibit.

23 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay.

24 MR. NEPPLE: Do you have any
25 additional exhibits?

1 MR. BLAEDEL: After this perhaps one
2 more, perhaps.

3 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Please
4 continue.

5 MR. BLAEDEL: The basis of my
6 objection is that the prosecution of a fabricated
7 traffic citation by City of Middleton Police
8 Officer Steven Britt against my wife, Barbara J.
9 Blaedel, on April 10 was screwed up by intervention
10 of Timothy J. Yanacheck, who was an employee of the
11 Liberty Mutual Group.

12 Yanacheck's intervention is compoundedly
13 screwing up our already screwed up corrupt legal
14 system in Dane County, Wisconsin. Details of
15 Yanacheck's intervention are given in this exhibit.
16 I won't go into them in detail, and I have extra
17 copies. I'd like any excess returned.

18 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Go ahead.

19 MR. BLAEDEL: I will submit all of
20 the exhibits.

21 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. BLAEDEL: I'd like to give what
24 I call a narrative, which I think would amount to
25 testimony if I were under oath.

1 THE HEARING EXAMINER: That's fine.

2 MR. BLAEDEL: I visited the OCI on
3 Friday, September 14 and explained my interest in
4 the prehearing conference to Steven Junior. The
5 newspaper article was completely unreadable and
6 unintelligible. Junior gave me a more legible copy
7 of the public notice and he explained the protocol
8 and location of the prehearing conference.

9 I was aghast at the size, which is over 200
10 pages, and the complexity of the policyholder
11 information statement, so Junior let me borrow his
12 copy and also a copy of the policyholder guide over
13 the weekend so I could study it before the
14 conference.

15 The prehearing conference was highly
16 informal and seemed to be appearances of lawyers
17 involved in the restructuring. For my appearance I
18 explained my interest briefly, stating that I
19 wanted a copy of the transcript and a copy of the
20 policyholder information statement.

21 I was promised a copy of the statement by
22 Mr. Hoffert and he sent me one, and a copy of --
23 Fred Nepple, general counsel, promised me a copy of
24 the transcript, and I picked up a copy of the
25 transcript from Mr. Junior on September 26. He

1 also explained the protocol for the hearing of
2 October 16, that is today's.

3 That evening I studied the transcript and
4 to my dismay I found nothing of my participation in
5 the prehearing conference. Only my name was listed
6 among the appearances as also present.

7 At that time I decided to object, and to
8 assist my objection I visited OCI on October 1st
9 and 4th to obtain a printout of the docket for this
10 case, and I was told OCI did not issue dockets.

11 The basis of my objection and intervention
12 will be, first, the omission from the transcript of
13 my requests and Hoffert's and Nepple's promises to
14 me comprise three counts of the 946.72(1) Wisconsin
15 Statutes, tampering with public records and
16 notices, a Class D felony, punishable by fine and
17 or imprisonment up to \$10,000 and five years per
18 count, and three counts that makes \$30,000 and 15
19 years.

20 Second basis is that OCI's failure to issue
21 docket printouts is in violation of Section
22 946.12(1) Wisconsin Statutes, misconduct in public
23 office, Class E felony, punishable of fine and/or
24 imprisonment up to \$10,000 and two years.

25 This concludes -- what I'm trying to do is

1 to object and perhaps intervene, but I don't know
2 how. This concludes my objection. Thank you,
3 gentlemen.

4 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
5 you, very much.

6 MR. BLAEDEL: I have here basically
7 an outline of the comments I've made, and I'd like
8 to submit that as another exhibit.

9 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you for
10 your comments.

11 MR. BLAEDEL: Thank you, sir.

12 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Does anybody
13 else wish to appear?

14 (No response)

15 THE HEARING EXAMINER: Okay. Nobody
16 wishes to appear. I'd like to thank you for your
17 testimony and written comments on the restructuring
18 of Employers Insurance of Wausau, a mutual company,
19 under a mutual holding company plan, which may be
20 submitted for the record until 5 p.m. on
21 October 26, 2001.

22 Written comments should be addressed to
23 EIOW Mutual Holding Company Comments, Office of the
24 Commissioner of Insurance, P.O. Box 7873, Madison,
25 Wisconsin 53707-7873. Anyone wishing to obtain a

1 copy of any of the principal documents in this case
2 is encouraged to download it from the Office of the
3 Commissioner of Insurance website at
4 <http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/oci/coconv.htm>.

5 The record of this public hearing will be
6 held open until 5 p.m. on October 26, 2001 for
7 receipt of written comments. This public hearing
8 pursuant to Chapter 227 and Sections 601.62 and
9 644.07 of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding the
10 restructuring of Employers Insurance of Wausau, a
11 mutual company, under a mutual holding company plan
12 is hereby concluded at 2:14 p.m. on Tuesday,
13 October 16 of the year 2001. Thank you.

14 (2:14 p.m.)

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I, LINDA KUHLMAN, hereby certify that as the
duly-appointed shorthand reporter, I took in shorthand
the proceedings had in the above-entitled matter on the
16th day of October, 2001, commencing at 2:00 p.m., and
that the attached is a true and correct transcription of
the proceedings so taken.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 25th day
of October, 2001.

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin